

Fantasy

Science

Language Arts



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Readability Level: 3.8

Interest Level: PreK - 3

Cultural Connections: Inuit

Summary: Tiktala is a young girl who wants to become a soapstone carver. In order to learn this trade she must first go on a journey to find her spirit helper. She is transformed into a harp seal and soon learns the secret to becoming a skilled carver.

Reading Activity

Have the students compare how Tiktala has changed from the beginning of the story to the end of the story using a graphic organizer. One side should have before and the other after.

Literacy Activity

Have the students research seals and write about how they would feel if they were turned into a seal.

Common Core State Standards:

RL.2.5. Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.

W.2.7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).